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PATENT

Applicant: Swanson

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Title: Fluid Cooled Apparatus For Supporting Diagnostic And Therapeutic Elements In Contact With Tissue

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, please enter and consider the following.

REMARKS

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Claims 1-27 remain in the application. Claims 10-27 have been withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

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